



STAFF REPORT

Meeting Date: March 21, 2017
Agenda Item #: 6b

TO: Mayor and Town Council
FROM: Kevin Dempsey Fire Department
THRU: Susan Parker, Town Administrator
TITLE: Grilling & Fireplace/Pit Ordinances
ATTACHED: Grilling & Fireplace/Pit Ordinances

Summary: At Council's direction, Staff researched whether the Town could regulate the use of grills, fireplaces, and pits on the island.

Background: After research and discussion with Susan Parker, Town Administrator, legal questions arose and Staff contacted Attorney Richardson for his opinion.

Attorney Richardson advised that the ordinance could be more stringent than the State's but the Town would need to secure approval from the Building Code Council.

"NC State Building Code: Fire Prevention Code" states:

308.1.4 Open-flame cooking devices. Charcoal burners, and other open-flame cooking devices shall not be operated on combustible balconies or within 10 feet (3048 mm) of combustible construction.

Exceptions:

1. One- and two-family dwellings.
2. Where buildings, balconies and decks are protected by an automatic sprinkler system.
3. LP-gas cooking devices having LP-gas container with a water capacity not greater than 2 ½ pounds [nominal 1 pound (0.454 kg) LP- gas capacity]

Recommendation: Motion to seek approval from the Building Code Council to adopt an ordinance pertaining to outdoor grilling, fireplaces and pits that is more stringent than the State's.